



## Office of Representative Heath Shuler

Representing North Carolina's Eleventh Congressional District

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### **Rep. Shuler to Host Presentation on E-Verify by Acting Director of Citizenship and Immigration Services** ***Employment Verification System Combats Illegal Immigration***

*Washington, D.C.* – On Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Representative Heath Shuler will host an informational briefing on E-Verify for the Asheville Chamber of Commerce with the Acting Director of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Jonathan Scharfen. E-Verify is currently a voluntary program being used by *over 69,000* employers to check the legal status of their workers. It has been made mandatory by several states including, *Arizona, Georgia, and South Carolina*, and an Executive Order was recently issued requiring all federal contractors to use the system. Phasing-in E-Verify for all employers is a major component of Rep. Shuler's SAVE Act.

Director Schrafen's presentation will focus on how employers can use E-Verify simply and effectively. He will also be available to answer questions from business owners about how E-Verify would affect their hiring practices.

**What:** Presentation on the use of E-Verify by Acting Director of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Jonathan Scharfen

**Who:** Office of Rep. Heath Shuler; Acting Director of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Jonathan Scharfen; State Representative Charles Thomas

**Where:** Crest Center at Crest Mountain  
30 Ben Lippen School Road  
Asheville, NC 28801

**When:** 11:00 a.m.  
Monday, June 23, 2008

**Note:** The briefing will be open to members of the Chamber of Commerce and the media and the general public.

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